

MILATARI NEWSLETTER

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership is open to individual who have an interest in using and programming ATARI computers. Membership includes the subscription to this newsletter and free access to the users program library and is \$12.00 per year. Single newsletters are \$1.00. A guest may attend one meeting at no charge. The users meetings are held once monthly at 4:00PM on the third Saturday of each month at:

WAUKESHA STATE BANK COMMUNITY ROOM
110 MADISON STREET
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

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72 degrees Below Zero

FREE SUBSCRIPTION !!!

SOFTLINE Magazine

SOFTLINE Magazine is primarily devoted to reviewing gameware for the Apple and Atari computers. The magazine is published every other month by Softalk Publishing Inc.

The contents include new gameware reviews in a column entitled "NEW PLAYERS". In the current issue, this column features GEBELLI SOFTWARE. This company has recently released several new games for the ATARI, including MATCH RACE, a one or two player road race game, and PATHFINDER, an action adventure game that puts you in a mazer with no easy way out.

Another regular column is "GAMELINE REVIEWS". Each issue this column will contain reviews of about 6 gameware products. The reviews, for the most part are objective and should give the reader a good preview of what to expect.

The magazine also features articles on hardware, programming techniques, and current issues. The current issue has a very informative article about the controversy over pirating software.

This magazine is well edited and is printed on high quality paper with many color pictures and illustrations.

Now comes the great part. SOFTLINE subscriptions are FREE to owners of personal computers. Send your subscription request including your name and address, the brand, model, and serial number of the computer you own, and a brief description of your peripherals to:

Softline
Softalk Publishing, Inc.
11021 Magnolia Blvd.
North Hollywood, CA 91601

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Mac's Magic

850 Interface Special

Microcomputers and Magic is offering the Atari 850 interface to members of the MILATARI Users Group for the special price of \$179.95. If you are planning to add the 850 interface to your system, check with Mac on this special.

Don't forget the 10% discount on all software purchased at our meetings. Mac has just received a shipment of APX software. His selection includes several hard-to-find 16K cassette load programs.

Mac will demonstrate On-line's MOUSEATTACK and Gebelli Software's MATCH RACER at our meeting.

With the wind-chill factor that was hovering around 72 degrees BELOW zero, 32 warm blooded ATARI enthusiasts gathered for the scheduled January Meeting. The first order of business was to find a computer. It seems that the person with the computer couldn't get his car started. After a short wait, two brave souls went over to Microcomputers and Magic and brought one back.

When everyone got settled in, we went to the first order of business which was election of officers. With great grandeur and a spirit of democracy, the elections were conducted. (Just kidding folks, it was a railroad job all the way). After the dust had settled, the following people were elected;

President - Gary Nolan

Vice-president - Nick Liberski

Secretary/Treasure - Larry Leskovsek

Librarian - Wayne Peters

Education - Linda Scott

Newsletter - David Frazer

Congratulations you lucky people - you get to do all the work now.

Moving on to other things, there was a demonstration given on the features of word processing software. Unfortunately, the demonstrator of ATARI'S Word Processing software was stuck in the same car as the computer and didn't show up. Letter Perfect word processing system was demonstrated. Hopefully, the car will stat this month so we can have an opportunity to see the ATARI Word Processor.

Wayne Peters discussed some of his ideas on how to structure our user group library. Further fruits of Wayne's labors towards building our users library are found elsewhere in this issue.

Several members demonstrated their efforts in software. This was followed by a question and answer period.

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CompuServe now has a nod in Milwaukee. If you are a subscriber, dial 475-6935 and save \$2/hr.

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LANTERN COMPUTERS in Madison has moved. Their new address is 406 S. Park St, Madison, 53715. New phone number is (608)251-9112.

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ATARI on CompuServe

Atari publishes an intermittent newsletter on the CompuServe Network. Here are some highlights from their most current issue.

"In 1981, the Atari Program Exchange(TM) came into being. From nothing last January (1981), the APX catalog has grown to over 90 titles in the winter catalog ... Most of you have received the Atari Connection(TM) by now. If you haven't, be sure to send in a warranty card or call customer service. You get a free, one year subscription with your Atari Home Computer ..."

"The user's group support program has been spectacularly busy! We've been getting acquainted with new groups at a rate of more than 10 a month ... The Atari computer enthusiasts in Eugene, Oregon insist on teaching everyone they can about their computers. They teach at their meetings, host fairs ... send their excellent newsletter practically everywhere ..."

"The Denver people put on a spectacular community computer fair at Gates Planetarium. Can you imagine Star Raiders(TM) on a planetarium dome? ..."

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LET THERE BE LIGHT

Although the X-ray emission from a CRT screen is considered safe, the FCC now has standards by which all new terminals (monitors) must qualify. "But there are other problems", according to Dr. Norbert Kastner, who has been preparing studies on "computer people" for the past two years.

According to his report, body and eye fatigue are the direct results of prolonged CRT use. The cures, however, are simple: Keep the CRT at eye level to prevent poor posture. Avoid using direct lighting, which produces a glare, or fluorescent lighting which 'flickers' up time with the CRT display. And finally, exercise your eyes: Every twenty minutes, focus your eyes away from the CRT face. Move them far left, right, up, and down, holding each position for a few seconds.

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NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters which are received from other groups will be cataloged in our club library and are available for any member at our monthly meeting. We are currently receiving newsletters from:

the Atari Computer Association of Orange County, Ca.
the Madison Wisconsin Atari Users
the Michigan Atari Computer Enthusiasts

We thank those groups for their participation in newsletter exchange.

NEW CLUB OFFICERS HOLD ORGANIZATION MEETING

The newly elected met to organize and delegate various responsibilities. President Gary lead the meeting which was attended by all officers of the club. Various duties were defined.

Vice president Nick Liberski will take the responsibility of lining up computer equipment for our meetings. He will be contacting those members who volunteered to bring hardware to schedule their equipment. He will try to have two systems set up at each meeting. Nick will also be in charge of scheduling demos for the meetings. If you have programs and/or systems and programming techniques you wish to demonstrate, please call Nick to be included in the schedule of future meetings.

Secretary/Treasurer Larry Leskovsek will process the membership applications and give a treasurer's report at each meeting. Larry can be contacted for information concerning your membership.

Librarian Wayne Peters has the job of building our clubs software library. The library will include, but is not limited to, programs, software evaluations, newsletters from other user groups, and other items the members may decide to add to our library.

Education officer Linda Scott is responsible for developing educational activities such as clinics, workshops, beginner and advanced training classes and other educational activities of the club.

Newsletter editor David Frazer will edit and circulate the MILATARI Newsletter. He will maintain the circulation files for the club. Any material you wish to have included in the newsletter should be forwarded to Dave at least two weeks prior to the regularly scheduled meetings.

In the future there will be an officers meeting following each scheduled monthly meeting. Other meeting will be called by the president as necessary.

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ATARI MODEM MESSAGES ARE AVAILABLE BY

CALLING A.I.M.S. 24hr at (312)789-0499

All Atari users please call and meet
other Atari users via modem messages..

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM:

If you wish to become a member of the Milwaukee Area ATARI Users Group, please fill in this application form and return same with your \$12.00 dues to the Secretary/Treasure:

Larry Leskovsek
1958 Michigan Avenue
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186

- 1) NAME _____
- 2) ADDRESS _____
- 3) CITY/STATE/ZIP _____
- 4) HOME PHONE _____
- 5) WHEN DID YOU PURCHASE YOUR SYSTEM? _____
- 6) SYSTEM IS ACTIVE _____ HOURS PER WEEK
- 7) SYSTEM (circle) 400/800
- 8) SYSTEM RAM _____ K
- 9) DISK DRIVE Y/N NUMBER OF DRIVES 1 2 3 4
- 10) CASSETTE RECORDER Y/N
- 11) 850 INTERFACE Y/N
- 12) MODEM Y/N DIRECT/ACOUSTIC BAUD RATE _____
- 13) PRINTER Y/N MANUFACTURER _____ MODEL _____
- 14) OTHER HARDWARE (Specify) _____
- 15) DO YOU HAVE AN ASSEMBLER Y/N
 NON-ATARI BASIC Y/N TYPE _____
 MICRO-SOFT BASIC Y/N
 PILOT Y/N
 FORTH Y/N
 LISP Y/N
 NON-ATARI DOS Y/N TYPE _____
- 16) PRIMARY SYSTEM USE: (circle all that apply)
 ENTERTAINMENT
 EDUCATION
 BUSINESS
 OTHER (Specify) _____
- 17) PLEASE DISCRIBE ANY RECURRING SYSTEM PROBLEMS THAT YOU ARE EXPERIENCING;

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Directions to Waukesha State Bank - sight of user group meeting
Take I-94 to Hwy 164: Hwy 164 south to Waukesha: Turn left at the
third stop-n-go light: Bank is on your left in the second block

Community room entrance is at 110 Madison Street

